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Recommendation of the Agricultural Research

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture-Research-Recommendation of the Expert Committee on Agricultural Research on fruit canning and fruit preservation-- Orders-passed.

Food & Agriculture Department

G.O.Ms.No.1839 Dated 19th September,1950

Read the following:

From the Director of Agriculture, No.X.2. 1665/49, dated 24.2.1950.

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ORDER:

The Expert Committee on Agricultural Research made the following recommendations in respect of fruit canning and fruit preservation:--

(i) All encouragement should be given to the Fruit Canning unit at Kodur and another unit like the one at Kodur might be started in a more central place like Madras to attract prospective industrialists.

(ii) The Fruit Products Order, 1948, may be vigorously enforced.

(iii) The work that is now being done on hill and other fruits might be extended to common fruits and vegetables.

Item (i) above: The Director of Agriculture has reported that though the work at Kodur on fruit products was started in 1943, due to some reason or other, notably due to the delay in receiving machinery and equipment and in erecting buildings, the pilot plant has not yet started work in right earnest. He has also stated that the dictates of economy and the need for conserving sterling and dollars are additional arguments for deferring action on a second pilot plant. Till substantial improvements are evolved with the existing pilot plant, there is no justification for a second venture. In the circumstances stated by the Director of Agriculture, and in view of the present financial stringency, the Government agree with him that the question of starting another fruit canning unit at Madras need not be pursued. They, however, consider that the unit at Kodur should be made a full-fledged one doing work on a sub-factory scale as soon as possible.

Item (ii) above: The Director of Agriculture has stated that though the vigorous enforcing of the Act is unobjectionable, it is apt to become infructuous because of the fact that the Order is not enforced in most, if not all, areas surrounding the Madras State. He has also stated that this fact puts the Madras fruit products manufacturers at a disadvantage in the open market against the uncontrolled products from the neighbouring areas. For these reasons the Director of Agriculture is not in favour of enforcing the Order more vigorously than at present. The Government generally agree with the Director of Agriculture and consider that no action is necessary on this.

Item (iii) above: The Director of Agriculture welcomes this suggestion.

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He is requested to give effect to the recommendation of the Committee to the extent possible.

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Secretary to Government

To the Director of Agriculture.

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